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California Environmental Protection Agency

Heavy Fine Likely for Former Pulp Mill Owner

On April 22, North Coast water quality officials quietly proposed fining the all but dead company that once owned the Samoa pulp mill \$1.7 million for polluting water off the North Spit. <http://www.times-standard.com/Stories/0,1413,127~2896~2853254,00.html>

Staff Departure

Our student Kathryn Conner will receive her Master of Arts degree at the end of May, and, unfortunately, will be leaving Cal/EPA Unified Program Section to move to the Bay Area. We would like to wish her the best of luck with her future (and in finding a job)!

Employment Opportunity: Cal/EPA Environmental Scientist

Cal/EPA Unified Program Section has an open position for an Environmental Scientist. Basic duties include CUPA Evaluations, technical program assistance, CUPA and public contacts, and facilitating/leading workgroups and policy groups. For more information, please contact Larry Matz at 916.327.3442 or lmatz@calepa.ca.gov, or check the state personnel board at http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/more_info.cfm?recno=228420. The final filing date is May 20, 2005.

State Water Resources Control Board

UL Standards for Underground Storage Tanks

UL has asked Laura Chaddock to serve on the Standards Technical Panel (STP) that covers revisions to; UL 58, Standard for Safety for Steel Underground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible Liquids; UL 1316, Standard for Safety for Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Plastic Underground Storage Tanks for Petroleum Products, Alcohols, and Alcohol-Gasoline Mixtures; and UL 1746, Standard for Safety for External Corrosion Protection Systems for Steel Underground Storage Tanks. The STP consists of state and federal regulatory agencies, tank consumers, insurance providers, and tank manufacturers. The STP met on April 26 - 27, 2005 to discuss revisions and consistency of the standards, that would result in the continued improvement to products constructed under these standards.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (Ichaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870)

UST Regulatory Compliance Training

Upon request by local agencies, Laura Chaddock will continue to provide UST Regulatory Compliance Training. Requests for UST Regulatory Compliance Training through August 2005 should be submitted as soon as possible.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (Ichaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870)

Unidocs-Geotracker Link

The general scope of this project is to integrate Geotracker and Unidocs systems so users can seamlessly access information in both databases. The project is being funded by a USEPA grant. This is an effort to make local UST facility and tank information available to SWRCB and others through the Geotracker system. The initial work on this project is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2005. Dan Firth of the CUPA Forum Board (650) 329-2347 is coordinating this effort.

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Continued Reporting of Piping Failure to Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)

Please continue to report any problems with product piping degradation and/or failures bearing a UL mark directly to UL. To file a report complete the Consumer Product Report Form online at:

<https://www.ul.com/consumers/conproddb.cfm>. So that we can also track product piping failures and degradation, please also send a copy of the Consumer Product Report Form and any attachments to: Laura Chaddock, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality, Groundwater Quality Branch, PO Box 2231, Sacramento, CA, 95812.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870)

Department of Toxic Substances Control**DTSC 2005 ANNUAL VERIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE AND MANIFEST FEES ASSESSMENT MAILING**

On June 6, 2005 the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will mail the 2005 Verification Questionnaire (VQ), Manifest Fees Assessment and EPA ID number verification fee to approximately 125,000 permanent and temporary EPA ID number holders. Since you may receive calls from businesses on these documents, please review the following information to refer businesses to DTSC.

DTSC will mail one of two types of information requests to businesses. The first package is to businesses with permanent California EPA ID numbers. These businesses must verify their facility information, and may or may not owe the EPA ID number verification fee or manifest fees. The second package is a manifest assessment for businesses with a temporary California EPA ID number or an out-of-state EPA ID number. These businesses are responsible for manifest fees. Businesses are required to return all forms to DTSC, even if they do not owe fees or have changes to their facility information.

DTSC has dedicated telephone lines and staff to answer calls regarding the verification questionnaire and manifest assessment process. Please refer verification and manifest assessment questions to (877) 454-4012 (toll-free) if calling from within California, and (916) 255-4439 when calling from outside California. These telephone lines will be extremely busy for several weeks after the mailing. Callers will hear a recorded message while on hold, which provides them with the information about the verification process. DTSC also recommends that businesses go to www.dtsc.ca.gov to look at the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the verification process. The FAQs can be found under "Managing Hazardous Waste" on the homepage.

As part of DTSC's normal ID number issuance process, if a business needs a permanent ID number they should go to www.dtsc.ca.gov and print out DTSC Form 1358. If a business needs a temporary ID number they should call DTSC at (800) 618-6942.

DTSC CUPA UPDATE

DTSC as the CUPA in Trinity County began its outreach to Trinity County Hazardous Waste Generators in April 2005. The outreach efforts consisted of DTSC inspectors meeting individually with hazardous waste generators to explain the CUPA program and its proposed fee structure. Each generator was supplied with a package of information which included:

general information fact sheets on the CUPA Program, fact sheets on the specific programs, the CUPA forms each regulated entity needs to complete as well as a sample Business Plan Emergency Response

Plan and a Business Plan Employee Training Description. Workshops will be held in the later half of May, 2005 in Hayfork and Weaverville which will include a presentation on the CUPA program as well as assistance to the regulated entities in completing the CUPA forms.

PUBLIC NOTICES IN IMPERIAL COUNTY AND TRINITY COUNTY

Imperial County

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL/EPA) will hold public meetings in Imperial County, California to solicit comments on changes in responsibility for several local environmental programs that are currently managed by Imperial County. The workshop will be held at the following time and place:

Brawley, California:

Date: May 10, 2005
Time: 2:00- 3:30pm and 5:30-7:00pm
Location: City of Brawley
Lion's Recreation Center
225 "A" Street
Brawley, California

El Centro, California

Date: May 12, 2005
Time: 2:00- 3:30pm and 5:30-7:00pm
Location: Imperial County Farm Bureau
1000 Broadway
El Centro, California

Trinity County

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL/EPA) will hold public meetings in Trinity County, California to solicit comments on changes in responsibility for several local environmental programs that are currently managed by Trinity County. The workshop will be held at the following time and place:

Weaverville, California:

Date: May 16, 2005
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Location: Weaverville Library
211 N. Main Street
Weaverville, California

Hayfork, California

Date: May 17, 2005
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Location: Hayfork High School
10 Oak Street
Hayfork, California

Background:

On January 1, 2005, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) was authorized by the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) as the Imperial County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) and Trinity County CUPA. The main objective of the Certified Unified Program is to combine and coordinate six formerly separate elements into a single program, under the regulation of a single agency. This makes it simpler for businesses to comply with hazardous waste regulations that protect public health, safety, and the environment.

The Unified Program elements are:

- Hazardous Materials Release Response Plans and Inventories (Business Plans)
- California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program
- Underground Storage Tank Program
- Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act Requirements for Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans
- Hazardous Waste Generator and Onsite Hazardous Waste Treatment (tiered permitting) Programs
- California Uniform Fire Code: Hazardous Material Management Plans and Hazardous Material Inventory Statements

Purpose of the meetings

At the meetings CALEPA representatives will explain why this change is being made, the designation of the Department of Toxic Substances Control as the state agency to implement this program, how the program will be implemented, the timeframe for implementation, the expected cost to local businesses, and a proposed regulations that will establish fee setting. Afterwards we will answer your questions and try to address any concerns.

Who to contact for more information

If you have questions about these meetings or about the Unified Program in Imperial County or Trinity County, please call or email

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The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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